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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Seishi FUЛWARA et al.)
Application No.: 09/923,801) Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: August 8, 2001) Examiner: Unassigned
For: SYNTHETIC SILICA GLASS MOLDING METHOD, SYNTHETIC SILICA GLASS MOLDING APPARATUS, AND SYNTHETIC SILICA GLASS))))
Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of each listed document is attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English.

1. PCT Patent Publication No. WO 00/44678. The relevance of this document is shown in the English-language abstract.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and do not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitute "prior art." If it should be 1-WA/1708265.1

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determined that the listed document do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of

such document.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the documents be applied against the claims of the

present application.

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§1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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